

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CWP-2519-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:30.01.2019**

M/s Oberoi Construction Corporation

... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present: Mr. Chirag Girdhar, Advocate for the petitioner.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner claims himself to be a Class I Govt. Contractor.

It has been pleaded that in the month of January, 2016, various works in the nature of construction of new roads, raising of manholes, work of providing, laying, Jointing, Cutting and Testing of sewerage pipes sewers etc. at Maur Mandi, District Bathinda were allotted to the petitioner. The details of the work have been furnished in para 2 of the writ petitioner.

The short grievance raised in the petition is that inspite of the work having been completed and executed in terms of the conditions of the contract, the payment of Rs.1.60 Crores approximately has not been released to the petitioner.

Counsel argues that the action of the respondent/authorities in withholding the due payment is arbitrary and without any justifiable basis.

Counsel makes a submission that a representation dated 06.01.2019 (Annexure P-2) has already been filed and he would be satisfied if the instant petition was to be disposed of with a direction for his claim to be

examined and finalized within a stipulated time frame.

Submission made by counsel is found to be just and reasonable.

Accordingly, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the instant writ petition at the very threshold and without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition with a direction to respondent No.5 i.e. the Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Division No.1, Bathinda to examine the claim of the petitioner against the backdrop of a representation dated 06.01.2019 (Annexure P-2) expeditiously and in any case within a period of eight weeks from the receipt of a certified copy of this Court.

Needless to mention that if any payment is found due to the petitioner, the same would be released without any further delay.

Disposed of.

30.01.2019

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |